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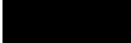


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1. Soviet specialists, technicians and advisors are arriving in Poland by the hundreds and are being placed in such Polish heavy industrial establishments as the steel plants and factories working on armaments and other military orders, and in such other establishments as chemical factories, factories producing armaments and other military equipment, railroad locomotive and car factories, factories producing electric motors and machines, and shipyards. Soviet technicians and specialists have already been employed in Polish shipyards for the past several years. Informant remarked that about 3,000 Soviets, all "officers", arrived in the following towns during the last two months: Torun (N 53-02, E 18-36), Bydgoszcz (N 53-09, E 18-00), Grudziadz (N 53-29, E 18-46), and Gdynia. Soviets were placed in the power plant located in the last-mentioned town. According to Informant, these Soviet specialists and advisors will become directors of Polish factories and other establishments in the event of war. The Polish directors, who are at present in charge of Polish factories, are obliged to furnish these Soviet advisors with the plans, organization, production and personnel lists of their factories, and they are also obliged to follow the advice given by the Soviet advisors.

2. Impexmetal, a Polish state firm for the import and export of metals and metal products, has been ordered by the Soviets to seek many kinds of noble scrap metals in Europe and Latin America; such items, among others, as fittings from aviation engines, arms, ships and boats, all kinds of copper wire, steel and copper sheets, and "tramway fittings". The Poles allegedly offer higher prices than the Japanese and English, and many firms located abroad have already received orders from Impexmetal. The Polish government is also attempting to get commercial contacts in the Middle East and Central Asia because of the purchasing difficulties in western countries and because of the greater supply of scrap metals which are allegedly located there.

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